

— 20th March 2026 —

# St Andrew's News

*'Everything you do, do in love'*



## School Vision

At St. Andrew's, we seek to be a safe and happy environment, inspiring our school family to be positive participants in the world community. A place where we are all encouraged, through love and service, to be the very best.

*'Love one another, as I have loved you'*

John 13:34

## Headteacher's Message

The arrival of spring weather this week has been most welcome, and hopefully this will continue throughout the season ahead. Today, we have marked Comic Relief in school with a non-uniform day, providing an excellent opportunity for our community to support this worthy cause. Should you wish to contribute, a donation link is available via the Comic Relief logo on this page, and we would be most grateful for your generosity.

I would like to remind parents that our Travelling Book Fayre remains in school until Wednesday, 25th March. The fayre is open each afternoon from 3:30pm to 3:50pm in the school hall, offering an excellent opportunity for children to select reading materials of interest. Further details can be found in the accompanying flyer.

Looking ahead, we look forward to welcoming many of you to our Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 31st March and Wednesday, 1st April. Bookings are now open on Arbor and will close at 6pm on Thursday, 26th March, so please ensure you secure your preferred appointment time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr M Baker  
Headteacher



# York Update (Reception)



The children in York Class are enjoying our new topic all about 'growth and change'. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Curt and baby Nora who taught us all about how to care for a new baby. We have put our knowledge to great use in our 'Baby Clinic' role play area where we have been feeding, changing and cuddling the babies with great care! We have also created our own fruit and vegetable faces linked to healthy eating, challenging ourselves to eat something that we might not normally try. The best part of this activity was being able to eat it all once we had finished! Last week we thought about the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and planted our own bean seeds. We are excited to see what might be at the top of our beanstalks once they are fully grown...

Next week we will be welcoming five new members into York Class. Not children, but caterpillars! We will think about how they will change and grow over the coming month as they transform into butterflies. This is always an experience that totally enthralled the children and shows how much they care for the world around them.



# Lincoln Update (Year 1)



Our topic this term is all about castles with a particular focus on Medieval Castle Life. This topic has really captured the interest of the children who have enjoyed learning the names of different parts of a castle, the importance of hierarchy within jobs and positions within the Medieval period including the role of 'The Gong Farmer' and his family – ask Year 1

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March we went on our class trip to Lincoln Castle; we had a fantastic day albeit rather chilly. We designed and created our own paper shields using our knowledge of Heraldry and its importance. We took part in a medieval banquet with costumes, characters and props and we learnt about the many different job roles that were needed for a banquet to run smoothly. We of course had to go and say 'Hello' to Norman and Lucy too!

We also got to look at and try on some replica helmets, gauntlets and chain mail that would have been worn by knights in battle during the Medieval period. They were extremely heavy, cold and hard to wear. We finished our day with some bow and arrow skills, it was harder than it looked!

We have been working hard in pairs creating our own cereal box castles with working drawbridges that we will be displaying outside our classroom once they are finished!



# Winchester Update (Year 2)

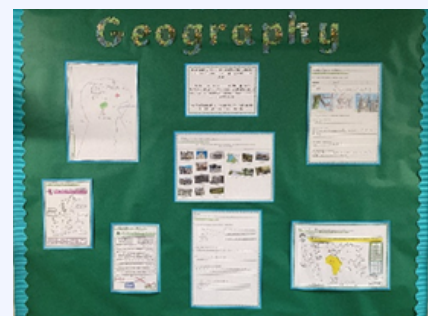
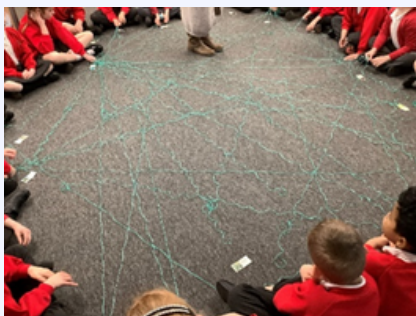


The spring term seems to be flying by and what a busy term it has been.

Our topic is 'Home and Away' so in our Geography lessons we have learnt about the difference between a village, a town and a city and talked about which areas local to us are rural and which are more urban. We have written about the things we like to do in Leasingham, Sleaford and Lincoln and we surprised Mrs Walker by telling her about a Sushi restaurant that some of us like to visit in Lincoln! We then moved on to investigate the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities, before using the new atlases to locate the continents and oceans of the world.

Our Art lessons have been inspired by Van Gogh's painting 'Starry Night.' We have taken inspiration from his work and created our own versions, using our paint mixing skills, different size brushes and different brush strokes.

Last week was British Science Week, with this year's theme being 'Curiosity: What is your question?' We focussed on the question 'What is an ecosystem?' which linked with the work we have been doing in our Science lessons as well as some of the activities that we will do when we visit Whisby Nature Park. Everyone was given an element of the ecosystem. This was either a plant, an animal, soil or water. Everyone then read out what their ecosystem element was and had to say if they had a connection to another element and why. We linked these elements using string and carried on making connections until the string ran out! We also talked about what would happen if trees were taken down to build houses and which connections would be lost as a result.



# PTFA Update

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for their generous donation of funds to purchase new globes for the children. These will be a fantastic resource to support Geography learning in the classroom, helping pupils explore the world and develop their understanding of different countries and continents.

The children have already thoroughly enjoyed using the globes and they have sparked lots of curiosity and discussion during lessons.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and dedication our PTFA volunteers give to organising events and raising funds for the school. Their hard work truly makes a difference to the experiences and resources we can provide for our pupils.

Thank you also to all of our St Andrew's families who support the various PTFA events throughout the year. The money raised has a real and positive impact on the learning of all our children.



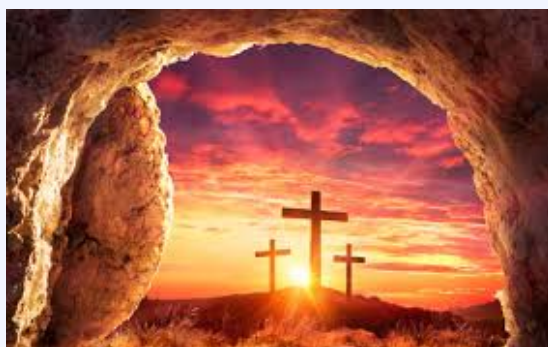
## Easter Church Services

Our Easter Services will take place at St. Andrew's Church on the following dates:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - EYFS/Key Stage 1 - 9:30am (Year 1 to lead)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Key Stage 2 - 9:30am (Year 5 to lead)

Please do come and support these services at Church if you can, as we celebrate Easter together as a school family.

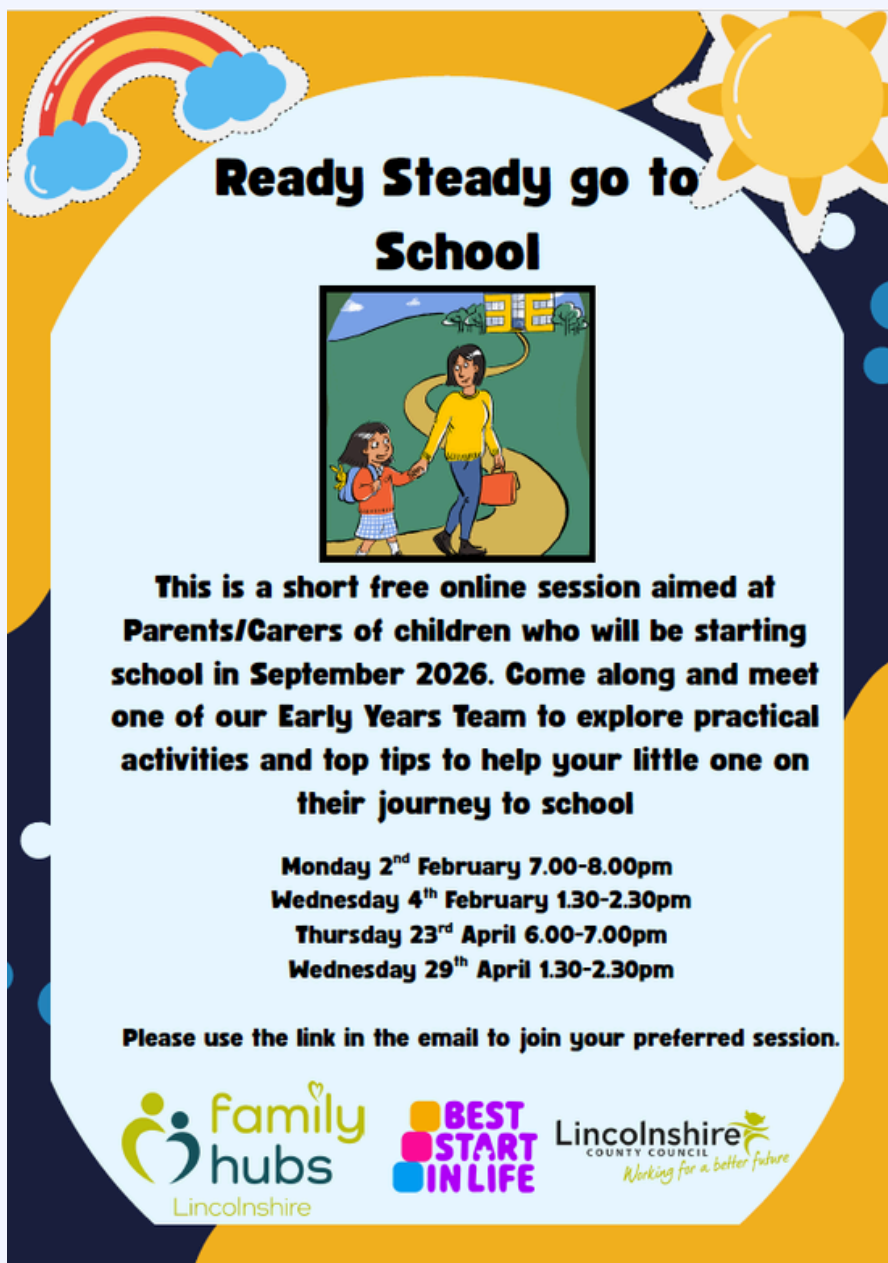


# Children in Lincolnshire starting Primary/Secondary School in September 2026

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2026 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport from 2 March (secondary offer day) or 16 April (primary offer day) once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below.

Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).






## Ready Steady go to School

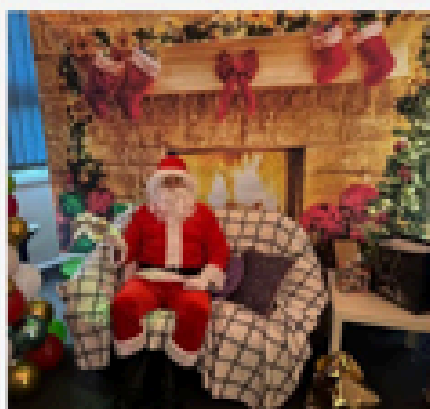
**This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00-8.00pm**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1.30-2.30pm**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6.00-7.00pm**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1.30-2.30pm**

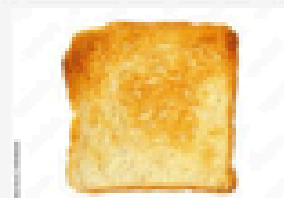
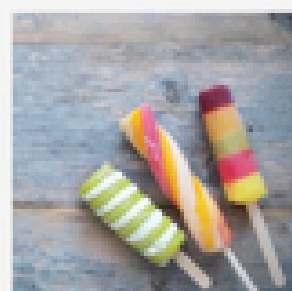
**Please use the link in the email to join your preferred session.**

# ST ANDREW'S PTFA



St Andrew's PTFA are always open to new members, whether you can help out at the fayres or just provide your time to help us organise events, we appreciate any help.



## What do we do?

- ~ Toast
- ~Ice lollies
- ~Pre-loved uniform sale
- ~Summer Fayre
- ~Christmas Fayre
- ~Support the Duke Jingle and much more



Everyone is welcome, please join us and help raise money to support the school.

## JOIN US!

Fb: St Andrews Leasingham PTFA

E-mail : [leasinghamptfa@gmail.com](mailto:leasinghamptfa@gmail.com)

Find one of us at school.

# We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



## Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right<sup>1</sup>.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident

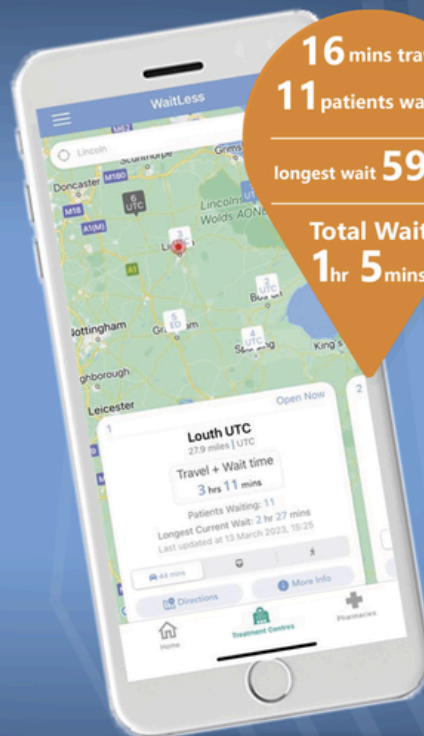
This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

<sup>1</sup> Domestic Abuse Act 2021

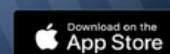
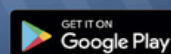


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## Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



### Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



### Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



### Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



### NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



### WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



### Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



### Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.



### Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 111 and choose Option 2. Available 24/7

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

# Useful Links for Parents

## Healthy Minds Lincolnshire

Providing support and treatment for children, young people and their families, who are experiencing emotional wellbeing difficulties.

<https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire>

## Place2Be

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

## Mind

Providing support for people experiencing, or supporting someone with, a mental health problem.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/> Tel: 0300 123 3393

## Family Lives

Providing early intervention and crisis support to families.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

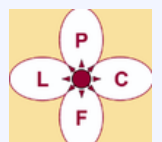
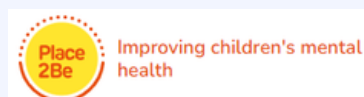
## Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

LPCF is specifically tasked with working alongside the Local Authority and Health to help ensure that the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs. You will need to register with them for free before being able to access the resources and support.

<https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>

**Luminova** - digital therapy enabling children to build confidence and manage their worries - [luminova.app/lincolnshire](https://luminova.app/lincolnshire)

Please also see the Pastoral section on our website for more helpful links.



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# Important Dates

- **Monday 23rd March** - Open the Book Leading Collective Worship
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Road Safety Sessions (Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership)
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Year 2 Educational Visit to Whisby Nature Park
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - Parents' Evening (4pm - 7pm)
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - EYFS/KS1 Easter Church Service - 9:30am -
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - KS2 Easter Church Service

# Nut Free School

A reminder to please ensure that your children do not come into school with any food containing nuts. This is due to some children having nut allergies. If you are unsure of whether food you are intending to provide contains nuts, please check with staff in the school office. Information regarding nut allergies from the NHS can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/>



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